

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2221**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Beall**

February 18, 2010

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An act to amend Section 11834.02 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to alcoholism or drug abuse treatment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2221, as introduced, Beall. Substance abuse: treatment facilities.

Existing law provides for the licensure, certification, and regulation of alcoholism or drug use recovery or treatment facilities serving adults, administered by the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. These facilities are defined to mean any premises, place, or building that provides 24-hour residential nonmedical services to adults who are recovering from problems related to alcohol, drug, or alcohol and drug misuse or abuse, and who need alcohol, drug, or alcohol and drug recovery treatment or detoxification services.

This bill would revise the above-described definition to also include any premises, place, or building that provides a program, accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting organization, that uses a multidisciplinary team to provide 24-hour residential medical services that do not require a health facility license to adults who are recovering from problems related to alcohol, drug, or alcohol and drug misuse or abuse and who need alcohol, drug, or alcohol and drug recovery treatment or detoxification services.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 11834.02 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

11834.02. (a) As used in this chapter, “alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility” or “facility” means any premises, place, or building that provides 24-hour residential nonmedical services to adults who are recovering from problems related to alcohol, drug, or alcohol and drug misuse or abuse, and who need alcohol, drug, or alcohol and drug recovery treatment or detoxification services. *As used in this chapter, “alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility” or “facility” also means any premises, place, or building that provides a program, accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting organization, that uses a multidisciplinary team to provide 24-hour residential medical services that do not require a health facility license to adults who are recovering from problems related to alcohol, drug, or alcohol and drug misuse or abuse and who need alcohol, drug, or alcohol and drug recovery treatment or detoxification services.*

(b) As used in this chapter, “adults” ~~may~~ include, but ~~is~~ are not limited to, all of the following:

(1) Mothers over 18 years of age and their children.

(2) Emancipated minors, which may include, but is not limited to, mothers under 18 years of age and their children.

(c) As used in this chapter, “emancipated minors” means persons under 18 years of age who have acquired emancipation status pursuant to Section 7002 of the Family Code.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), an alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility may serve adolescents upon the issuance of a waiver granted by the department pursuant to regulations adopted under subdivision (c) of Section 11834.50.